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Ms. Hesse:

As a tech professional, I am pleased that the United States Justice Department is settling with Microsoft. We use Microsoft products every day to enhance our business services, and I am relieved to know that we will be able to continue to purchase these products at a fair price.

The tech industry ought to be operated by highly creative tech professionals, not government bureaucrats. With over \$30 million in taxpayer funds having been spent on the case, I sincerely hope we've seen the last of this issue.

I serve in the North Carolina Legislature, and believe that North Carolinians would be better off if this federal tax money came back to the states.

At least consumers and IT businesses that rely upon the Windows platform can get back to work. It's regrettable that this settlement goes beyond the issues upheld on appeal.

I have no question that Microsoft's competitors have lobbied to cause Microsoft much grief throughout this unfortunate process.

I hope Judge Kollar Kotelly approves the settlement.

Regards,



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